EDUCATION (IRELAND).

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 20 March 1846;—*for*,

A "COPY of the CHARTER of INCORPORATION lately granted by Her Majesty to the BOARD of NATIONAL EDUCATION in *Ireland*."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 3 *April* 1846.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting: WHEREAS, in order to promote the welfare, by providing for the education, of the poor of Ireland, it is expedient that the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland should be invested with the powers and privileges hereinafter contained; KNOW YE, THEREFORE, that We, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, William Lord Heytesbury, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable military Order of the Bath, Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, and according to the tenor of Our letter under Our Privy Signet and Royal Sign Manual, bearing date at Our Court at St. James's, the Seventh day of August One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, in the ninth year of Our reign, and now enrolled in the rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in Ireland, have granted, constituted, and declared, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, We do grant, constitute, and declare, that the Most Reverend Father in God, Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Richard Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland; Our trusty and well-beloved the Most Reverend Archbishop Daniel Murray; Our trusty and well-beloved Franc Sadleir, Doctor in Divinity, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Anthony Richard Blake; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Holmes, Esquire, Barrister at Law; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir Patrick Bellew, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Richard Wilson Greene, Esquire, Our Solicitor-General in that part of Our said United Kingdom called Ireland; Our trusty and well-beloved Pooley Shouldham Henry, Doctor in Divinity; Our trusty and well-beloved John Richard Corballis, Esquire, one of Our Counsel at Law; Our trusty and well-beloved Alexander Macdonnell, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved Charles William Fitzgerald, commonly called the Marquess of Kildare, Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, and all and every other person and persons who shall from time to time be appointed Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being (the said Commissioners and all and every other person and persons so appointed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, to be removable at his or their pleasure), shall be for ever hereafter one Body Corporate and Politic in deed and in name; and that the said Body Corporate shall be called "THE COMMISSIONERS OF NATIONAL EDUCATION IN IRELAND;" and them by the name of Commissioners of National Education in Ireland into one Body Corporate and Politic in deed, fact and name, for ever, We do, for Us, our heirs and successors, erect, constitute, establish, confirm, and declare by these presents: And We do, for Us, our heirs and successors, grant and declare, that by the same name of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland they shall have perpetual succession, and that they and their successors by that name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and

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and capable in law without Our license in mortmain, to have, take, purchase, receive, hold, enjoy, and retain to them and their successors in fee and perpetuity, any manors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, privileges, liberties, possessions, and hereditaments, of what kind, nature, or quality soever, in Ireland, not exceeding in the whole the clear yearly value of Forty thousand pounds sterling: and moreover, to purchase and acquire any goods and chattels whatsoever; and also to take and receive any sum or sums of money, or any manner or portion of goods and chattels that shall to them be given, granted, devised or bequeathed, by any person or persons, bodies corporate and politic, capable to make a gift or devise thereof, and therewith and thereout to erect, maintain, and support in all places of that part of Our said United Kingdom called Ireland, where they shall deem the same to be most necessary and convenient, such and as many schools as they shall think proper: and also to give, grant, alien, assign, and dispose of any manors, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all and singular other matters and things necessarily relating thereunto: and also to give and grant any lease or leases of any lands or tenements belonging to, or which may hereafter belong to, the said Body Corporate and Politic, for any term not exceeding Three lives, or Thirty-one years, provided that any such alienation, and that every such lease or leases be made with the approbation of the major part of the members of the said Body Corporate then present (such major part being at least three in number); and every lease so to be made shall be of lands in possession, and not in reversion. And We do also for Us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto every subject or subjects whatsoever, of Us, our heirs, and successors, whether incorporated or not incorporated, special license, power, faculty and authority to give, grant, sell, alien, assign, dispose or bequeath unto the said Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, and their successors, for the use and benefit of them and their successors, any manors, lands, tenements, rents, privileges, liberties, possessions and hereditaments, of what nature or kind soever, within that part of Our said United Kingdom called Ireland, so as the same do not exceed in the whole the clear yearly sum of Forty thousand pounds sterling; and that the said Body Corporate and their successors, by the name of "The Commissioners of National Education in Ireland," shall and may plead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts and places, and before any judges, justices, officers of Us, our heirs and successors, in all and singular actions, pleas, suits, plaints, matters, and demands, of what kind or quality soever they shall be, in the same manner and form, and as fully and amply as any of Our subjects of Our realm may or can do, sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded, answer or be answered unto, defend or be defended; and that the said Body Corporate shall and may have and use a common seal for the affairs and business of national education in Ireland; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Body Corporate and their successors, the same seal from time to time to change, alter, or make new as to them shall seem proper. And We do hereby for Us, our heirs and successors ordain, declare, and direct, that whenever the said Commissioners or either or any of them, or any other person or persons to be appointed in the place or in succession to them, or any of them, shall by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, cease to be a Commissioner or Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, by warrant under hand and seal, to appoint one other person in the place and stead of any such person so ceasing to be such Commissioner respectively; and any such person so to be appointed shall accordingly be and become one of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, and Members of the Corporation hereby constituted. And We do hereby for Us, our heirs and successors, grant, declare and appoint, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, if it shall appear fit to him or them respectively, to increase the number of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland; provided however, that the whole number of persons intended by virtue of these presents to be incorporated as aforesaid, do not at any time exceed fifteen, but may consist of any less number. Lastly, We do by these presents for Us, our heirs, and successors, grant unto the said Body Corporate by the name of "The Commissioners of National Education in Ireland," and to their successors, that these Our letters-patent or the enrolment hereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law according to the true

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true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense, for the best advantage of the said Body Corporate and their successors, as well in all Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whomsoever and wheresoever, of Us, our heirs and successors: Provided always, that these Our letters patent be enrolled in Our High Court of Chancery in Ireland, within the space of six calendar months next ensuing the date hereof. In witness whereof, We have caused these Our letters to be made patent. Witness, William Lord Heyteshury, Our aforesaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, at Dublin, the Twenty-sixth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of Our reign. Enrolled the First day of September, One thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

(A true copy.)

Thomas Berry,
Deputy K. R.

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